it is carried abroad over the world and down through gene-
rations, it must subject itself still more to human conditions
and uncertainties. Travelling from man to man, it sub*
jects itself to the errors attendant on verbal or written
communication. Proceeding" from nation to nation, it
becomes liable to the distortions consequent on translation
'from the tongue of one into that of the other. Passing f^-om
a personal inward feeling or thought into the external symbols
or speech that may communicate to others the truth felt
within, it is exposed to the imperfections of language and
to the errors of interpretation. Thc"<"e is no system of speech
or written signs that can more than very inadequately rep-
resent the delicate shadings of our mental conceptions.
While the Divine Thought which is the source of revelation
is of course infallible, yet how can it find any infallible form
or words in which to clothe itself ? And if in the past this
revelation took place and wlien the usages of language change
from generation to generation so greatly and rapidly as
they do, where shall we find an infallible interpreter to tell
us their exact meaning today ? Or if 6ne be found, who
shall infallibly interpret for us his

explanation ? We must
eventually fall back on our own fallible
understanding for
the sense of whatever revelation or
interpretation is given
to us. No more can a telescope superseded
the use of the
eye, or the most advanced type of machinery
dispense with
the presence of an initiating and guiding
mind than the
revelation made to another man and
recorded in a book
can obviate the necessity of a person,
thinking, interpreting
it and working out the life problem for
himself.

Again, when, as is the case, numerous
conflicting claims
are made by- different religions, each
posing itself to be the
sole recipient of true revelation from God
for the salvation
of mankind and each claiming to have the
keys of the celestial
gates, it becomes an absolute necessity for
the individual
to discriminate what he de^ms the false
revelation from what